

## House Resolution No. 2246

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize a select group of remarkable young athletes who have enjoyed considerable success through steadfast commitment to the highest standards of excellence; and

**Whereas**, the members of the Rock Bridge Bruin Girls Dance Team at Rock Bridge High School in Columbia, Missouri, distinguished themselves by taking First Place at the National Dance Championship held March 13, 2005, in Orlando, Florida; and

**Whereas**, the talented Bruin Girls Dance Team consists of seventeen young women and is the first dance team from Columbia to win the competition; and

**Whereas**, competing in the large varsity division, the Bruin Girls took First Place for their jazz routine, which they started practicing in November of 2004, and Second Place for their rock and roll-themed team performance routine, which included jazz, pom, kick, and hip-hop dance styles; and

**Whereas**, the Bruin Girls are exceedingly proud of their other achievements this year which include taking Third Place at the State Competition in St. Louis for their jazz and mixed routines, and for receiving superior ratings at the St. Charles Classic; and

**Whereas**, the Bruin Girls could not have attained such phenomenal success this season without the exemplary leadership provided by coaches Kim Adkins and Kelly Wulff, both of whom have instilled the important values of teamwork and sportsmanship within all their outstanding athletes; and

**Whereas**, few high school students possess the skill and stamina displayed by squad members Courtney Blankenship, Lauren D'Agostino, Lily Dawson, Stephanie Dresner, Jill Elder, Casey Garr, Lori Hofsess, Emily Keisler, Leah Kennett, Lauren Martin, Brittany McIntyre, Hillary Overfelt, Josie Patton, Kristen Steinhoff, Alyssa Trecha, Jordan Waigandt, and Aria Webber; and

**Whereas**, fellow students, teachers, and staff at Rock Bridge High School, parents, and the entire community of Columbia are exceedingly proud of the Bruin Girls for their impressive display of teamwork and unwavering unanimity while successfully aspiring towards incredible goals:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to the coach and members of the Rock Bridge Bruin Girls Dance Team at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Courtney Blankenship.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ed Robb  
District No. 24

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2246, adopted April 18, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker